

CLAIM AMENDMENT

Please CANCEL claims 7-9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please ADD new claims 10-12, as follows.

1-6. (Withdrawn)

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7-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Added) A method for transporting a cassette comprising steps of:
transporting the cassette to a port of a processing system by an automatic transfer device
or a manual transfer device;
sending an automatic mode signal to the processing system if the cassette is transported
by the automatic transfer device;
loading the cassette to the port automatically if the cassette is transported by the
automatic transfer device or manually if the cassette is transported by the manual transfer device;
determine if the cassette is loaded on the port;
determine if the automatic mode signal is received by the processing system; and
performing a predetermined process if the cassette is loaded on the port and the automatic
mode signal is received by the processing system or a process instructed by an operator if the
cassette is loaded on the port but the automatic mode signal is not received by the processing
system.

Solve the problem:

— is limitation w^t ² recited in claim —
— has no translation, & how obtained
w^t indicated —

11. (Currently Added) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of performing the predetermined process or the process instructed by the operator comprises a step of chucking the cassette automatically if the cassette is loaded on the port and if the automatic mode signal is received by the processing system or chucking the cassette manually if the cassette is loaded on the port but the automatic mode signal is not received by the processing system.

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12. (Currently Added) The method of claim 11, the step of performing the predetermined process or the process instructed by the operator further comprises steps of:
reading an ID of the cassette; and
checking positions and a number of substrates in the cassette.